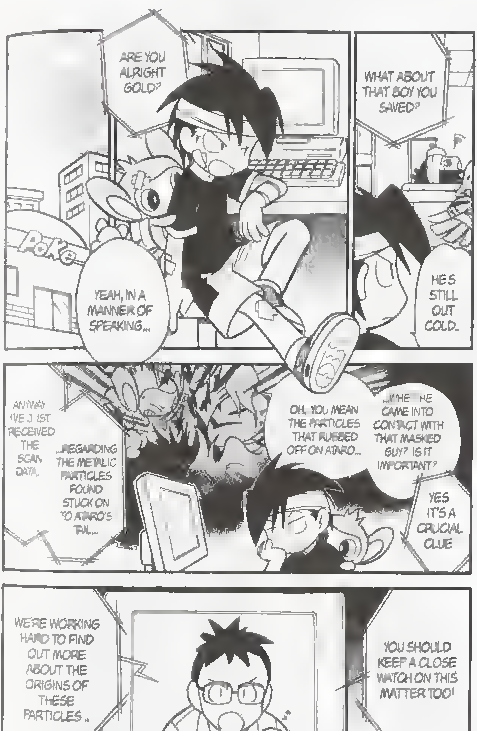
HUH!? ARIADOS CAN EVEN SPIT WEBS FROM ITS BACK!?
INTERCEPT !!
ZWEESSH
!?
DARN !!
ZWEEESSSH
THUMP!
HM!
LET'S HEAD FOR THE SHRINE QUICK
URGH...! THE LIGHT HAS DISAPPEARED! WE LOST OUR PRECIOUS CHANCE!!

WE'RE RUNNING OUT OF TIME..
FSSSSH
LET'S GO!
WHY, YOU!!
WHIRRRR
HOLD IT RIGHT THERE!
IF YOU CALL YOURSELF A MAN TAKE OFF YOUR MASK AND..
..FIGHT ME FACE TO FACE!!
HEH HEH
KIDS ARE SO PESKY THESE DAYS..
I'M AFRAID I CAN'T TAKE YOU WITH ME..
YOU JUST AIN'T GUTSY ENOUGH..
WHAT!?

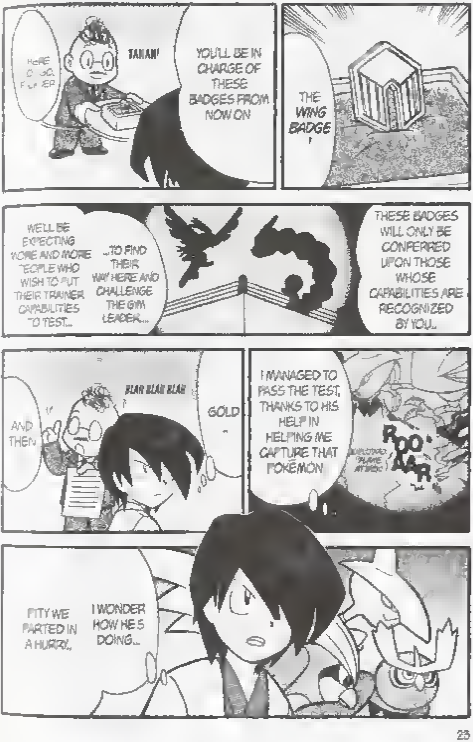
NOTE
THANK YOU, ATARO!
BUT THAT MASKED GUY REALLY BUGS ME
WE'D BETTER GET EVERYONE OUT OF THIS SPOOKY FOREST QUICK!
SIGH...
EH?
WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU GUYS?
DON'T TELL ME THAT MASKED HEAD GOT TO YOU!
NOD
NOD
DON'T TAKE IT TO HEART GUYS.

WE'RE NOT GOING TO LET HIM GET AWAY WITH THIS...
YOU'LL SEE! WE'RE GOING TO GET STRONGER! THEN WE'LL SHOW HIM!!
WE'RE GONNA KNOCK HIS SOCKS OFF!!
THP
I HOPE...


ARE YOU ALRIGHT GOLD?
WHAT ABOUT THAT BOY YOU SAVED?
YEAH, IN A MANNER OF SPEAKING...
HE'S STILL OUT COLD.
ANYWAY WE JUST RECEIVED THE SCAN DATA.
...REGARDING THE METALIC PARTICLES FOUND STUCK ON TO ATARO'S TAIL...
OH, YOU MEAN THE PARTICLES THAT RUBBED OFF ON ATARO...
...WHEN HE CAME INTO CONTACT WITH THAT MASKED GUY? IS IT IMPORTANT?
YES IT'S A CRUCIAL CLUE
WE'RE WORKING HARD TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE ORIGINS OF THESE PARTICLES..
YOU SHOULD KEEP A CLOSE WATCH ON THIS MATTER TOO!

HUH! THAT MASKED GUY'S ATTITUDE REMINDS ME OF THAT GUY, SILVER...
...AND THAT INSULTING REMARK, "YOU JUST AIN'T GUTSY ENOUGH..."
GRR! SOMEDAY, I'LL GET EVEN WITH HIM FOR THAT!
GOLD! ARE YOU LISTENING?
HUH? OH, YEAH...I UNDERSTAND
BEEP
SILVER...
THE YOUNGSTER THAT HAD BEEN CHASING YOU HAD COME INTO CONTACT WITH THE MASKED MA
APPARENTLY...
...THE MASKED MAN HAS FAILED IN HIS ATTEMPTS AGAIN, BUT WE CAN'T BE TOO CAREFUL
WE WANT YOU TO KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR HIM AND INFORM US OF ANY CHANGES
ROGER

ENOUGH WITH THE FORMALITIES! WHAT'S MORE IMPORTANT IS...
HOW'S THE REPAIR OF THE TELEPORTER COMING ALONG?! DIDN'T YOU PROMISE YOU'LL GET IT DONE?
B... BUT...
I DON'T CARE WHAT THE REASON IS. I WANT IT FIXED AND THAT'S FINAL!
I DO APOLOGISE FOR THE HASSLE...I'M VERY HAPPY WITH ALL THE ARRANGEMENTS MADE FOR ME
ESPECIALLY WHEN YOU HAD THE POKEMON ASSOCIATION CONDUCT THIS ATTITUDE TEST AFTER LEARNING ABOUT MY INTEREST FOR THIS POST I'M TRULY HONORED.
AHAHA ..DON'T MENTION IT! IT'S OUR PLEASURE TOO ..
I MEAN IT!
IN FACT, A GOOD FRIEND OF MINE HAS ALSO SET EYES ON THIS POST HE'LL BE TAKING THE TEST SOON ..
AH, IF HE PASSES, HE'LL ALSO BECOME A GYM LEADER LIKE YOU!
THAT'S WHY WE MUSTN'T DELAY WITH THE CEREMONY!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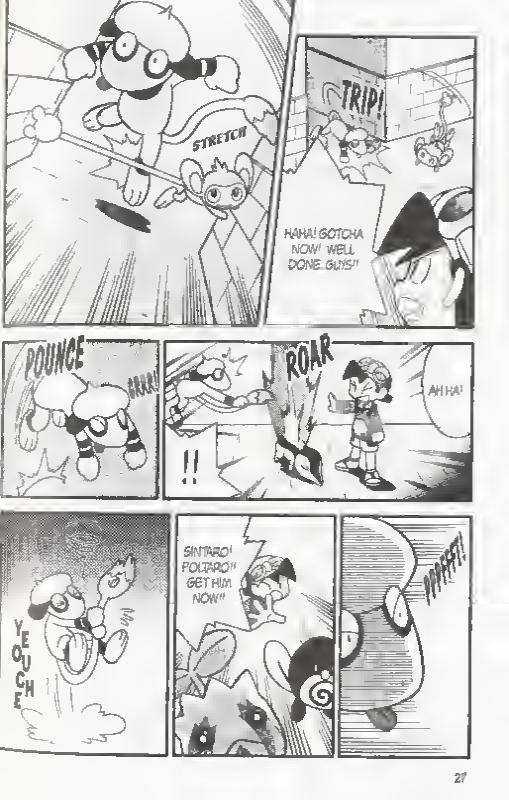
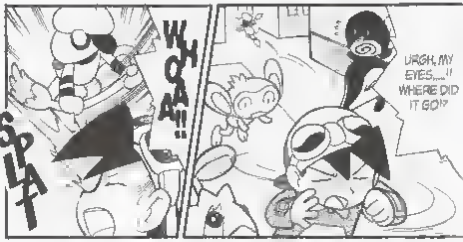
TAHAH!
YOU'LL BE IN CHARGE OF THESE BADGES FROM NOW ON
THE WING BADGE
WE'LL BE EXPECTING MORE AND MORE PEOPLE WHO WISH TO PUT THEIR TRAINER CAPABILITIES TO TEST...
...TO FIND THEIR WAY HERE AND CHALLENGE THE GYM LEADER...
THESE BADGES WILL ONLY BE CONFERRED UPON THOSE WHOSE CAPABILITIES ARE RECOGNIZED BY YOU.
AND THEN
BLAH BLAH BLAH
GOLD
I MANAGED TO PASS THE TEST, THANKS TO HIS HELP IN HELPING ME CAPTURE THAT POKÉMON.
POOAAR
PITY WE PARTED IN A HURRY...
I WONDER HOW HE'S DOING...

HEHE, ABOVE CITY
AHH~!
WHAT A HUGE CITY!!!
WOW! THIS IS THE RUMORED SLEEPLESS CITY... THE CITY THAT'S STILL FILLED WITH ACTIVITIES PAST THE WEE HOURS OF THE NIGHT!
HEH HEH... PLACES LIKE THE DEPARTMENT STORES AND GAME ARCADES!
BEEP
TOO BAD WE'RE BROKE..
SHAKE SHAKE
SIGH. GUESS WE'LL HAVE TO MAKE DO WITH SLEEPING IN THE WILDERNESS FOR TONIGHT, GUYS
YAAWN

RUSTLE...
ZZZZ
SNEAK SNEAK
SWISH SPLAT SPLAT
KEKEKEKE

HMM... HUH?
SHUSH!!
AAAH!!!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING!? WHO ARE YOU!?
HOW DARE YOU USE MY HANDSOME FACE AS YOUR CANVAS!!
HEY! STOP RIGHT THERE!
HOP HOP
STOP!!
BOING
TMP


STRETCH
TRIP!
HAHA! GOTCHA NOW! WELL DONE, GUYS!"
POUNCE
ROAR
!!
AH HA!
YEOCH
SINTARO! FOLTARO!" GET HIM NOW!"
PPPFFT!


SPLAT
WHOA!!
URGH, MY EYES....!! WHERE DID IT GO?

HEY YOU ALRIGHT KID?
MUMBLE
WE.. WE'VE BEEN ASSAULTED!
THE BULLY ESCAPED

BUT HE MUST HAVE BEEN QUITE A STRONG OPPONENT TO GET AWAY--THAT WAS SOME SPLENDID DISPLAY OF TEAM WORK JUST NOW
IT..IT WAS?
OH LET ME INTRODUCE MYSELF! I'M THE DIRECTOR OF THE CHERRY GROVE CITY RADIO STATION
WE'LL BE RECORDING FOR OUR SHOW CALLED "THE ASSEMBLE OF POKEMON VERSAILLES" TOMORROW
INTERESTED IN MAKING A GUEST APPEARANCE?

THIS IS THE RADIO TOWER?
HEE HEE! WE'RE IN LUCK!!
WITH THE APPEARANCE FEE WE'LL NO LONGER BE PENNILESS!!
BESIDES
MY IDOL'S GONNA BE APPEARING IN THIS RADIO SHOW TOO!
WHICH MEANS I'LL GET TO MEET MARY!!
THIS WAY TO THE RECORDING
RIGHT AWAY!!
HUH!?

AHH! IT'S THAT POKÉMON !!
YOU CAD!! I MUST GET EVEN WITH YOU RIGHT NOW!!!
THUMP THUMP
H-HOLD IT RIGHT THERE SONNY--
OUR SPECIAL GUEST TODAY IS WHITNEY THE GYM LEADER OF CHERRY GROVE GYM, AND I'M MARY YOUR HOST FOR TODA...HUH!?
THUMP THUMP
"HERE SEEMS TO BE SOME SORT OF COMMOTION OUTSIDE..."
SLAM
AAAAHHH!!!
WHO ARE YOU!? WE'RE IN THE MIDDLE OF THE RECORDING!
MARY, DO YOU KNOW HIM!?
NO! I DON'T, WHITNEY
WHAT!? THAT STUPID POKÉMON KNOWS MARY!?
YA MEAN THAT POKÉMON BELONG TO... T-THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE!

VIOLET GYM
GYM LEADER MEDICAL CONSULTANT
KRAGHA
SQUEAK
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FALKNER, I HEREBY ANNOUNCE YOU...
AS THE NEW GYM LEADER OF VIOLET CITY